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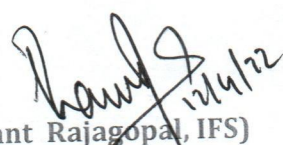
SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The proposal under consideration is from PWD, Division No. 1 (R&B) for Diversion of 17.82 Hectares of Protected forest land for widening of existing road stretch from Khanvel Chowk to Dudhani Junction in the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by the undersigned on 12th April, 2022 along with the representatives of the User Agency and the ACF and Range Forest Officer, Southern Range, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

During inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is a forest land measuring 17.82 Hectares of Protected forest land. The entire road is approx 15 kms and the proposal is to widen the road from existing 7 metres to 10 metres along with 1 metre unpaved shoulder on either side. A total of 1603 trees are coming within the said alignment. However during inspection it was agreed by the User agency to fell barest minimum number of trees and as such only 798 trees need to be actually felled. The rest are on the periphery of the shoulder and can be saved. However further attempts will be made during execution phase to reduce number of trees.

The proposal is for better connectivity to an important tourist area and also a largely tribal dominated part of the U.T and as such the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency as per the current proposal is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project. The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction. The proposal is recommended.

Place: Silvassa.
Date : 12/04/2022


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